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Dear Reader

In this first edition for 2025, we proudly spotlight the Department's notable achievements, including the successful launch of our Corporate Plan (2023-2027) and the Annual Activity Plan for 2025.

We remain dedicated to advancing ongoing initiatives such as the re-organisation of structural change within our operations, the implementation of the Document Management System (DMS), and the Public Sector Audit Program (PSAP).

Moreover, we are pleased to witness our staff achieving milestones through various training programs, alongside GDP. This month, in recognition of the vital contributions made by women in our Department and across Papua New Guinea, we take this opportunity to celebrate their efforts. Their dedication strengthens our institutions, propels progress, and guarantees the delivery of essential services to our communities.

With these remarks, I welcome you all back to another year of delivering on our expected mandate.

Dept launches Five-year plan



(L-R) Finance Minister Miki Kaeok and Secretary Samuel Penias officially launching the 2023-2027 Corporate Plan and 2025 Annual Activity Plan.

The Department of Finance has launched the 2023-2027 Corporate Plan and the 2025 Annual Activity Plan on the 28th February, 2025.

The work plans were officially launched by the Minister of Finance Hon. Miki Kaeok.

Minister Kaeok said the Corporate Plan that we launch today is built on three principles that Prime Minister James Marape has emphasized- transparency in where the money goes, fairness in how its shared and the results that people can see in their communities.

"Every kina must work for the people who rightful own it," he said.

"The work plans set as framework

guide for the Department to achieve its agendas as well as the national goals.

Secretary Samuel Penias while speaking during the launching said, these two documents represent our commitment to fostering a more accountable, transparent and efficient public finance management system, one that supports the economic aspiration of our nation and aligns with Papua New Guinea's broader development agendas.

"The Corporate Plan and the Activity Plan have been developed in line with the key national policy documents, including the PNG Medium -Term Development and the PNG Vision 2050.

INTERNATIONAL WOMEN'S DAY 2025



Support the Supporters
And one of the biggest ways to help Accelerate Action for gender equality is to Support the Supporters.

Empower to accelerate action

The Department of Finance has joined other organisations and the global community in celebrating the international and national women's day.

Secretary Samuel Penias said, today we recognise the contribution of the women in the Department of Finance and across Papua New Guinea.

Their work strengthens our institution, drives progress and ensures delivery of essential services.

The theme for this year, "Empower, Inspire, Elevate" is a reminder of our responsibility to foster a workplace that values respect, equality and opportunity for all. A strong organisation is one where all staff are supported to contribute to their full potential.

Deputy Secretary Support Services Mrs Margaret Tenakanai also shared similar sentiments acknowledging the contribution of the women in the Department.

She also stressed that women are unique and more organised both at workplace and home.

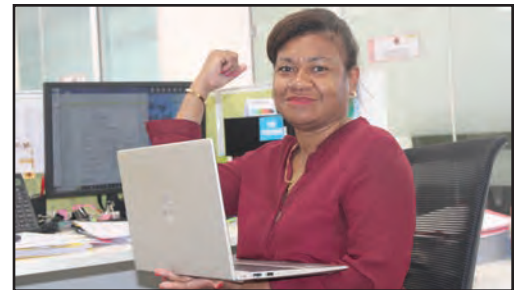
Women has contributed a lot in this nation building and should be knowledge and given the same opportunity as men.

Other women leaders in the Department include, Acting First Assistant Secretary FCD Marlene Philip, Acting Program Manager Dandelion Vali, Thomasina Ah Ben (Consultant), Assistant Secretary Betty Seta and other also shared and encourage women to better in what they are doing.



IWD 2025 campaign theme is 'Accelerate Action'

Collectively, we can Accelerate Action for gender equality.



How can you help Accelerate Action?

As individuals, we can all take steps in our daily lives to positively impact women's advancement.



Together, let's #AccelerateAction for gender equality

One of the best ways to forge gender equality is to understand what works and to do more of this, faster.



Everyone everywhere can Accelerate Action



So, are you in?

‘Commitment to enhance the financial future’

“Our Department plays a pivotal role in shaping financial policies and management system that drives PNG.

Minister for Finance Miki Kaeok said, Our activity plan focuses on practical actions. We will simplify how government pays for services, strengthens checks to stop wastage and use technology to track money from Waigani all the way to the village level. No more missing millions every kina will be visible and accountable.

I stand here grateful to our Department’s hard working team led by Secretary Mr Samuel Penias. You have work tirelessly, often without recognition to keep our country financial heart beating.

Let’s ‘all move forward together with hope in our hearts and determination in our spirits. The work ahead is challenging but the rewards a prosperous fair.

The launch was attended by stakeholders, partner agencies, Office of the Minister’s representatives and officers from the Department.



(L-R) Deputy Secretary Support Services Mrs Margaret Tenakanai, Deputy Secretary Operations Stephen Nukuitu, Finance Minister Miki Kaeok, Secretary Samuel Penias and Deputy Secretary Strategy and Governance Dominic Ira officially launching the 2023-2027 Corporate Plan and 2025 Annual Activity Plan.

“Lets all move forward together with hope in our hearts and determination in our spirits”

Deputy Secretary Support Services Mrs Tenakanai during her official opening remarks welcomed everyone to the launch of the Corporate Plan 2023-2027 and the annual activity plan 2025. Mrs Tenakanai said, Today marks a pivotal moment and a significant milestone for our Department as we come together to present our strategic work plans for the future of the public finance of Papua New Guinea.

“The theme “Innovating Public Finance Strategies for Sustainable Development and Prosperity for every Papua New Guinean” perfectly captures our commitment to enhancing the financial landscapes of our nation,” she said.

“Through innovative strategies we aim

to foster economic growth ensure fiscal responsibilities and improves lives of our people.

“I want to take a moment to express my appreciation for the hard work and dedication that have gone into the development of the Corporate Plan, it is the result of countless hours of collaboration and input from individuals from the department and I am proud of what we have accomplished together.

“I encourage you all to collaborate and share thoughts to help us move forward. As we journey on the country’s 50th celebration this year the department has delivered and achieved a lot in the public finance space.”

Pictorial Highlights of the launching





Officers settle in DoF Canberra

We left Port Moresby for Canberra on the afternoon of Wednesday, January 22, 2025. We arrived in Brisbane around 6 p.m., had a brief transit, and then reached Canberra at 10 p.m., where we were warmly welcomed by the International Team. We were thrilled to see that Michelle Kwan was there with the team as well.

Settling in was not easy thanks to the friendliness of the people here. While we thought we might get lost a few times, Google Maps quickly became our best friend. During our first few days, we were taken to visit the Parliament House, the Arboretum, and the Museum.

From February 03rd to 7th, we attended DOF induction alongside the Graduates and after, given our placements. Melody is currently with the Financial Analysis Reporting & Management Division and Kimberly is with the Chief Financial Controller Branch of the Corporate Division.

“There’s so much to talk about, but one thing that really caught my attention is perseverance. The effort we put into our tasks and what we do can truly make a difference” – Melody Hetta

“Everything is very different, in terms of technology, the social and work environment; and it is noticeably fast paced here. It has so far been a huge learning experience, and I look forward to seeing what else I can learn in the coming months.” – Kimberly Koyati

Highlight of the month

The Parliamentary Last Post Ceremony is a Last Post Ceremony that all the



Members of Parliament attend and takes part in the laying of wreaths, including the Prime Minister and the Leader of Opposition to pay respect to the fallen soldier that is being honoured on the day.

We had the privilege of attending the Parliamentary Last Post Ceremony on the afternoon of the 3rd of February 2025, and laid wreaths alongside the Prime Minister, the Opposition Leader and other current prominent figures of the Australian Public Service, to pay

respects to The story of Flying Officer Charles Edward Suffren being shared. It was truly a memorable experience because we visited the War Memorial at a time when it was a Parliamentary visit also. What made it even more special was hearing about events that occurred in PNG during WW2 being shared and meeting a lady who shared sentiments about the events in PNG. It gave a different perspective and appreciation. of the rich history of the PNG-Australia relationship.



Melody and Kimberly paying their respect. Images from Australian War Memorial. “Parliamentary Last Post and Main Entrance Opening 2025”. flickr, 4 February 2025,



Pictured :The presentation of Public Service Audit Committee Program Certificate to the management & Staff of Department of Information Communication and Technology (DICT)after the launching of Audit Committee



OFFICERS GRADUATE

The Department continues to support and upskill officers as one of its main objective to build human resource to improve its workflow.

Pictured are three officers who graduated recently from Divine Word University through the Flexible Learning- Port Moresby Campus. (L-R) Dianne Gideon Diploma in Management, Julie Bina Diploma in Business Studies and Carmelina Mwadedda Bachelor in Management. Also graduated Patricia Tommy Diploma in Management.

Up-Coming Events



Department thanks Digitec

Secretary Samuel Penias and as the National Procurement Commission Chairman voiced his gratitude to Digitec for coming to our rescue when we were in need. Mr Penias also congratulated First Assistant Secretary Mr Edward Bero for commitment and dedication in seeing SLA to become a reality. Pictured (L-R) CFO Lagith Bandara, CEO Satgen Singh, Secretary Mr Penias and Deputy Secretary Support Services Mrs Margaret Tenakanai



Officers attend Document training

The Department will soon implement the Document Management system that will be used by officers in managing day-day work flow. As preparation towards it, officers are now in training on how to use the system. Pictured -Consultant Geoffery Orone speaking to officers during the training. So far personnel assistants and management team have already attended the training and middle management are scheduled for the next up coming session